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Dr. James B. Rhoads
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National Archives and Records Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Rhoads:

I am sorry not to have been able to respond earlier to Dr. Angel's letter of June 21.

First, I note it is not fully responsive to my letter of May 20. I ask that the unanswered questions now be answered or a reason be given for refusing to do so.

You cite as reason for withholding certain executive sessions of the Warren Commission (b)(1)(6) and (7) of 5 U.S.C. 552. These relate to a specific executive order and national security and/or foreign policy; invasion of privacy; and the investigatory-files exemption. I ask for a copy of the executive order you regard as relevant; whose privacy you anticipate would be violated; and what law was allegedly being enforced by a Commission which had no such powers.

In connection with the last point, I ask that you and/or your counsel reconsider this withholding in the light of the full language of the exemption, including "except to the extent available by law to a party other than an agency." For this to be withheld from me it must, I believe, be of such character that it would not have been available to Lee Harvey Oswald, particularly but not exclusively under Jencks.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg